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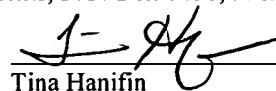
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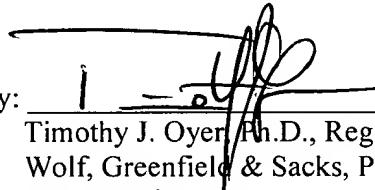
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**PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND LETTER TO EXAMINER**

Dear Sir:

In the above-identified application three Restriction/Election Requirements have been issued by two different Examiners handling the case. Three responses have been filed thus far (February 27, 2003, October 24, 2002, and May 17, 2002).

The latest Restriction/Election Requirement issued July 11, 2003, includes three groups of claims to which restriction is required (Groups I-III). Response is impossible since at least some claims are present in at least two groups (e.g., claim 276).

It would be appreciated if the Patent Office would issue a final Election/Restriction Requirement to which the Applicant could respond with confidence that the restriction phase of prosecution would be closed, and substantive examination could begin.

If this paper is considered non-responsive, then it is respectfully requested that the Patent Office communicate this to the undersigned so as to avoid the Applicant's need to incur further expense for extension of time.

A first and favorable action is respectfully requested. If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation with the Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 573-7851.

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